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FOR VDP, AH, AND DIR FROM LTC ANDERSON, DLO

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SUBJECT: MEETING OF DLO WITH C OF S, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

REF: NAIROBI 7805 (261450Z JUL 76)

1. (C) AT ABOUT 0930 HRS TODAY BRIGADIER KAKENYI, CHIEF OF STAFF, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, CALLED DCM LINDSTROM AND APOLOGIZED FOR THE BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATIONS YESTERDAY (REPORTED REFTTEL) AND INVITED US TO HIS OFFICE AT 1030 HRS FOR A MEETING. I WENT ALONE AS THE DCM HAD A PRIOR COMMITMENT.

2. (C) UPON ARRIVAL IN HIS OFFICE, BRIGADIER KAKENYI REPEATED HIS APOLOGY TO ME AND SAID THAT MR. KIEREINI HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MY CONTACTS. HIS OFFICE WAS TO BE MY REGULAR POINT OF CONTACT WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) AND I WAS WELCOME TO VISIT THE BUILDING AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY AS DID THE OTHER FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES. WITHIN HIS OFFICE, HIS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, MAJOR ALEX M. MWANGANGI, WOULD BE MY CONTACT. HE HAD ARRANGED FOR MAJOR

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MWANGANGI AND LTC JOSEPH M. MUSOMBA, HIS OPERATIONS

AND TRAINING OFFICER, TO BRIEF ME ON THE MILITARY SITUATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR MEETING. ARRANGEMENTS RE BEING MADE FOR ME TO MEET THE ARMY COMMANDER SOON, AND TOMORROW AT 1000 HRS I AM TO GO TO EASTLEIGH TO MEET THE AIR FORCE COMMANDER, COL. DEDAN N. GICHURU.

3. (S) DOWNSTAIRS IN THE BRIEFING ROOM LTC MUSOMBA, MAJ MWANGANGI AND I GOT ACQUAINTED AND DISCUSSED THE MILITARY SITUATION FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. BASICALLY, THESE OFFICERS (INCLUDING BRIGADIER KAKENYI) ARE NOT AS CONCERNED ABOUT A GROUND ATTACK FROM UGANDA AS THEY ARE ABOUT AN AIR ATTACK. THEY FEEL THAT AMIN WOULD ENCOUNTER MANY DIFFICULTIES, I.E., LOGISTICAL, LOW TROOP MORALE, BAD TERRAIN, AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO VERY FAR INSIDE KENYA. THEN THEIR FORCES COULD EFFECTIVELY COUNTERATTACK. IN THE AIR, HOWEVER, KENYA'S AIR FORCE COULD NOT DEFEND AGAINST MIG'S OR MIRAGES FLOWN BY LIBYAN OR PALESTINIAN PILOTS. LTC MUSOMBA SAID THAT KENYAN AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE OFF IF AN ATTACK OCCURRED PRIMARILY FOR POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS. BUT IN REALITY COULD OFFER LITTLE OPPOSITION. DETAILS OF TROOP DISPOSITIONS IN THE BORDER AREA WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

4. (S) LTC MUSOMBA THOUGHT IT WAS GREAT THAT A US OFFICER HAD FINALLY COME TO COORDINATE WITH THEM IN VIEW OF THE COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND FELT IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO CONTINUE SUCH CONTACTS. I THEN SAID THAT WASHINGTON JUST MIGHT SERIOUSLY CONSIDER SENDING A MILITARY ATTACHE TO KENYA IF THIS WERE APPROVED BY KENYA OFFICIALS AT POLICY LEVEL. MUSOMBA OFFERED TO MENTION THE IDEA TO KAKENYI, BUT I CAUTIONED HIM THAT THIS WOULD INVOLVE IMPORTANT POLITICAL DECISIONS AND PERHAPS I SHOULD MENTION IT TO MR. KIEREINI FIRST. HE IMMEDIATELY AGREED, BUT THE SEED HAD BEEN PLANTED. THE DCM AND I WILL MEET AGAIN WITH MR. KIEREINI AFTER THIS WEEK END, AND IF AMBASSADOR MARSHALL CONCURS, GET HIS REACTION TO THE IDEA OF AN ATTACHE IN THE COURSE OF  
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